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“We respond to God’s abundant grace by being hearers, proclaimers and doers of the Word.”

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THE MESSENGER

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MUSINGS from Pastor Mike

[to muse (*myooz*), v. to think, gaze, or say wonderingly]

“There is meaning in every journey that is unknown to the traveler”

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer

I believe life is a series of Emmaus moments. In the Gospel of Luke, the disciples on the road to Emmaus were changed forever when they encountered the stranger and recognized Christ. This is every person’s journey. All of life is about meetings on the road that can lead to new insights and to a change of heart. This is especially true for the 40-day journey of Lent!

The prophet Joel issues the invitation: *“Return to God with all your hearts...change your heart, not your garments.”* And God then describes what a changed heart looks like when He tells Ezekiel: *“I will take away your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”*

If we want God to create a new heart in us, let’s approach Lent with urgency, intensity and vulnerability. A God-like heart, a nonviolent heart is the work of a lifetime. The season of Lent offers us a chance for a yearly heart checkup. For 40 days each year we can examine how God-like, how peace-filled, how loving our hearts are becoming--or not becoming.

One of the best ways to do this might be to spend time each day with the people, the events, the encounters, the chance conversations, the scriptures, the music and the poems that have, and continue to shape our lives.

Let’s use this Lent, remembering those first places where/when our hearts broke open in such a way that God’s grace was able to slip into our hardening hearts. Let’s trace the vein of God’s mercy and loving kindness in our lives. In this journey we will also find where God tried to reveal God’s face and change our hearts of stone into hearts of flesh. These are the times we were led from fear to courage, from judgment to mercy, from self-centeredness to presence, from despair to hope.

From my musings point of view, we must walk this 40-day journey of Lent with the courage to allow our hearts to be broken open, so as to realize the moments when we encounter Jesus! Our hearts will then be new! Ready for a Lenten journey?

WORSHIP: Saturday 5:30 pm & Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 am Sunday School from 9:30-10:30 am

WEDNESDAY MID-WEEK LENTEN SUPPER & WORSHIP

5:15 pm Soup & Bread Supper in the dining room followed by

6:30 pm *Unfailing Light Holy Communion Service in the worship area.*

Lenten Wednesdays - "*Church is hard, however. . . .*"

"Church is hard, however...." does not fully capture the theme for the messages that will be given on the Wednesday evenings of Lent. This theme is taken from a blog by Arianna Freelen, who reflects on her relationship with her church and how the church has been a part of her journey of faith. Six members of our congregation will share a reflection from their faith journey, how the "church" has played a role in the richness of the work of God's Spirit in their lives. *Come and enjoy great food and terrific fellowship (5:15 pm) and inspiring worship (6:30 pm) each Wednesday during Lent, except for Holy Wednesday, April 8, 7:00 pm service (NO soup supper)!*

- **MARCH 4** **Soup provided by Evangelism & Fellowship Committee
& Message by Darryl Jones**
- **MARCH 11** **Soup provided by Adult Discussion Class
& Message by Becky Brown**
- **MARCH 18** **Soup provided by Congregation Council
& Message by Emily Sharp**
- **MARCH 25** **Soup provided by Movers & Shapers *and* Faith & Fellowship Classes
& Message by Kathy Platzer**
- **APRIL 1** **Soup provided by Congregational Members who signed up
& Message by John Banaszek**
- **HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 7:00 PM (NO SOUP)** **Message by Ernie Kranias**

FEBRUARY 29 & MARCH 1 – LENT I

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11. **First Sunday Fellowship** at 9:15 am; hosted by Adult Discussion Group and Sunday Morning Bible Study. (*Food items collected at all services the first weekend of every month, benefit SCCAP Food Pantry; under the auspices of Social Ministry. Please do not bring glass donations.*)

MARCH 7 & 8 – LENT II

In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font, we are given a new birth as children of God. Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17. **Second Sunday of Service** from 9:30-10:30 am for elementary Sunday Schools. (*Daylight Savings Begins--turn clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.*)

MARCH 14 & 15 – LENT III

In today's gospel, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. Readings: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42; **SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING at all three services to accept nominees for Congregation Council; 10:45 am WATERLIFE Service.**

MARCH 21 & 22 – LENT IV

The gospel for this weekend is the story of the man born blind and healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41; **Prayers of Healing** at the conclusion of each liturgy.

MARCH 28 & 29 – LENT V

In today's gospel, Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, we hear God's promise of resurrection. Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45. **Fifth Sunday Servant Event will benefit SCCAP HOMELESS SHELTER, designated by Social Ministry.** Please check the Servant Branch (outside of the worship area) the weekend before, to see what items are requested.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30-10:30 AM

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY meets in room 303, on the top floor of the church. Join us as we discuss *Justice and the Prophets* by Walter C. Bouzard, with the topics as listed. Please feel free to join us as your schedule allows; G. Ronald Couchman, contact.

March 1	<i>Called to Accountability</i>	(Amos 5:18-24)
March 8	<i>A Prayer for Justice</i>	(Habakkuk 1:1-4, 12-14)
March 15	<i>Consequences for Injustice</i>	(Habakkuk 2:6-14)
March 22	<i>Corrupt Leaders</i>	(Micah 3:1-3, 9-12; 6:6-8)
March 29	<i>Leading Justly</i>	(Malachi 2:1-9; 3:5-6)

ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS meets in room 200, at the northern end of the main hallway. Each Sunday we enjoy timely presentations and discussions; Judy Leslie, contact. All are welcome!

March 1	<i>"Eating Local for a Better Future: the CSA Model at Mud College Farm"</i> led by Ben Mearns	
March 8	<i>"The Census and Update on Poverty in Adams County"</i> led by Leon Reed	
March 15	<i>"@Home in Adams County"</i> led by Caroline Johnson	
March 22	Lecture 2 – <i>"The New Testament: The Greco-Roman Context"</i> by Prof. Bart Ehrman	
March 29	<i>"A Home For Your History: Treasures of the Adams County Historical Society"</i> led by Jane Malone	

HOUSING CHOIR STUDENTS

The Wittenberg University Choir from Springfield, OH, will be touring this spring and stopping at the United Lutheran Seminary Gettysburg for a free concert on **Friday, MARCH 6 at 7:30 pm.**

A need for people to host choir members that evening, and get them back to the Seminary campus the next morning, has been received from Mark Oldenburg. If you are able to help, please contact Mr. Braband, via email at tbraband@stjamesgettysburg.org and he will put you in touch with Mark Oldenburg. Thank you!

BATTERY RECYCLING COMES TO ST. JAMES

The Creation Care Task Force will be in the Gathering Area collecting used batteries **before worship services the weekend of MARCH 14 & 15** (after daylight saving time begins and you have changed your smoke detector batteries.) Bring your used alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V), Lithium Ion cells and batteries, as well as nickel cadmium and nickel-metal Hydride batteries. This collection is perfect for batteries from your smoke detector, remote control, wireless mouse, rechargeable laptop, cell phone, flashlight, and children's toys. The batteries will be shipped to a certified recycling company, whose processing is both environmentally safe and maximizes the amount of recoverable materials. Let's all pitch in and take another step in recycling and reusing!

Grief Ministry Lunch

Pr. Mike and Pr. Andrew will meet Wednesday, March 18 at 12 noon at *Dunlap's Restaurant, Buford Avenue, Gettysburg*, with anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you would like to join us for lunch and fellowship, feel free to simply come as your schedule allows (the third Wednesday of every month) or talk to one of our pastors.



“Let’s read a book together during Lent!”

Here is an amazing book for us to read together between now and Easter! In a nation deeply divided and plagued by poverty, violence and discord, ***Barking to the Choir*** offers a snapshot into the challenges and joys of life on the margins. This is the second book written by Gregory Boyle, founder of *Homeboy Industries*, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. This book is a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, how gang members have taught Gregory Boyle about faith, compassion and the enduring power of kinship. Let's begin reading and then come together on **PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, at 5:00 pm in the gathering area** to share a simple meal of soup and bread while we also share thoughts about the book. ***Please sign up in the gathering area or on-line so we can plan for the meal!***

DEATH

January 24, 2020

Carrie C. Wolf

FIRST COMMUNION

February 2, 2020

Eli & Hattie Mummert

Parish Records



\$1,465.77 was collected on "Souper" Bowl Weekend at St. James, which will benefit the Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen! Thank you to all who donated to this worthwhile endeavor, especially to Boy Scout Troop 79 and Cub Scout Pack 79 for overseeing the collection on Scout Sunday. Checks may still be mailed to: *Gettysburg Community Soup Kitchen, PO Box 3445, Gettysburg, PA 17325.*

Easter Flowers & Donations for World Hunger

Once again, we are given an opportunity to enhance the beauty of the Easter worship and to also provide the gift of life to those who hunger. Please fill out this form and return **before SUNDAY, MARCH 15** to: Judith Seilhamer, 360 East Lincoln Avenue, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Checks need to be made out to SACRISTY COMMITTEE. Please indicate if you are ordering flowers OR giving to World Hunger on the memo line. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Judy Seilhamer at 717-334-4301. Donors will be printed in *The Messenger* – April 2020. *(Please do not place this order form in the offering.)*

I WISH TO OFFER:

_____ number of Easter flowers at **\$10.00 each**

\$ _____ for World Hunger (any amount welcome)

\$ _____ total amount enclosed

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

By _____

[] *Check if you are getting your flowers after Easter Sunday, April 12, 10:45 am service.*

CANCER SURVIVOR'S FAITH IS FOUNDATION FOR SERVICE TO THOSE IN NEED

REPINTED FROM DAILY POINT OF LIGHT # 6698 JAN 27, 2020 BY POINTS OF LIGHT

Meet Daily Point of Light Award honoree Shirley Sanders.

A dedicated volunteer, Shirley Sanders says she is a “jack of all trades” when it comes to her service, helping out wherever the need exists.

Through American Cancer Society (ACS), the 64-year-old Gettysburg, Pennsylvania resident, who is a cancer survivor, helps to run the Adams County Relay for Life, where she leads the luminaria ceremony which honors survivors and those who have lost the battle to cancer. Shirley also serves Habitat for Humanity, which helps families build and improve places to call home.

Active in her church and community, Shirley has connected with thousands of people in need through her volunteerism.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU TO VOLUNTEER?

It's our calling to help others in need. Doing for others is a good feeling.

DESCRIBE YOUR ROLE WITH ACS AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

As a volunteer for ACS, I lead the luminaria ceremony and I am a captain of a Relay for Life team and also plan for the event. Not only am I a 31-year survivor of cancer, I lost both my brother and sister to cancer, in addition to a number of other family members and friends. My volunteerism for ACS raises awareness about the resources they provide to people battling cancer. Serving for Habitat for Humanity, I volunteer and recruit others to join our workdays. I'm mostly a gopher or I'll participate in clean up. I'm a jack of all trades. I'll pick all the nails up, paint and sand as we build affordable housing for families in need.

SHARE ONE PERSONAL STORY WITH ME FROM YOUR VOLUNTEERISM.

Cancer survivors will speak at the luminaria ceremony, where we light candles honoring loved ones. Speaking is healing, they say, because they get a chance to share their story about what they've gone through battling cancer. The ceremony helps these individuals grieve and heal.

WHAT'S ONE WAY YOU HOPE TO INSPIRE OTHERS IN YOUR SERVICE?

Look beyond yourself to serve. I feel like I get more out of volunteering than I put into it. Volunteering is a good feeling, it brings joy to know you can help someone else.

WHAT'S BEEN THE MOST REWARDING PART OF YOUR SERVICE?

We are called to serve. I've been blessed in many ways. I am alive, have a home, husband, children and grandchildren. I was blessed to have all of this in my life and I want to bless others by doing for them. It's my faith that is the foundation for my service.

IN ONE WORD DESCRIBE WHAT VOLUNTEERING MEANS TO YOU.

Love. *It's sharing love.*

HOW CAN READERS HELP?

Please visit the American Cancer Society and Habitat for Humanity websites for more information about how you can help.

Summary of February 19, 2020 Congregation Council Meeting

Correspondence & Minutes:

- Correspondence was circulated.
- Minutes from the January 15 Council meeting were approved.

Announcements:

- Council is responsible for soups at the March 18, 5:15 pm Lenten Supper. A sign-up sheet was distributed.
- A celebration of the 40th anniversary of Pastor Allwein's ordination will occur on Sunday, April 26. He will be honored during the Sunday School hour and a brick from Main Street Gettysburg will be purchased in his honor. In addition, Pr. Geib's 5th anniversary of ordination will occur in August.

Treasurer's Report:

- Karen Lentz reported that **\$56,828** in regular giving was collected in January 2020. This was significantly higher than January 2019 when \$48,328 was collected. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Capital Campaign:

- To date, **\$470,083 in cash** has been received toward the campaign. This has allowed many projects to be started and completed already.

Property Committee Report:

- The roof work will now begin at the end of March.
- Phase 1 of the windows project is now complete. Phase 2 of the windows project is in development.
- Repointing of the bricks is mostly complete.
- The ARD Committee has recommended *WFX Fire, Lock & Security* to repair and install new hardware and locks on the front doors, not to exceed \$25,000. Council approved the motion. The new hardware and locks will be electronically controlled.
- A security enclosure for the Early Learning Center at the bottom of the steps has been designed and is out to bid.
- The new fire alarm equipment has been ordered.

Nominating Committee:

- Council has named Dan Bringman, Kim Guise, Cindy Zepp, Lyne Aurand, Jim Dunlop and Kyle Smith as the committee to seek new nominees for Council (beginning July 2020). If you are interested in serving on Council, please see a member of the Nominating Committee.

Retreat Follow-Up:

- At the January Council Retreat, ten potential goals were identified for future work within the St. James Mission Plan. During the February meeting, the ten goals were prioritized by identifying the three top goals to begin working on this year. **The top two goals were improved communication and awareness within the congregation and outside the church as well as youth programming.** The third priority was a review and plan for utilization of space within the church and two adjoining houses. Council began working on the communications/awareness goal. Council members will be seeking input on preferred communications from different demographics (groups) within the church and outside the church. The goal development will be a deliberative and ongoing process.

World Outreach Committee - Mission Scholarship Application

The mission of the World Outreach Committee at St. James is to engage every member in the global mission of Christ's Church in the world through prayer, education, service and sharing of gifts. We would like to encourage members to actively participate in mission projects. To accomplish this goal, the congregation approved a **scholarship fund of \$1,400** for the 2020 budget.

We invite you to tell us about your mission plans, to see if we can help with some partial support from this scholarship fund. Submit a statement to the St. James Church Office and clearly marked, "Application World Outreach Mission Scholarship."

Please cover the following points with enough detail to help us to learn what you hope to accomplish during your mission project.

- 1) Provide name, address, telephone and e-mail.
- 2) Describe where and when you want to go and what you want to do.
- 3) Tell us about the level of support you will need.
- 4) Explain how your mission project will support the mission goals of the World Outreach Committee and the St. James Lutheran Church community.
- 5) Be sure to sign and date your statement.

The application deadline is MAY 31 with notification by JUNE 1. The scholarship must be used during 2020. If you have questions about this program, please contact Claire Anderson at battleburg@gmail.com or 717-779-6280 or any member of the World Outreach Committee.



Springtime LWR Quilt Mission News

The Quilt Mission Committee has much to celebrate in 2020. First, we thank those who contribute funds in memory of loved ones. The Quilt Mission Committee was able to use Memorial Funds to purchase **two beautiful Bernina B 475 professional sewing machines, complete with "walking feet."** The Quilt Mission Committee hope these machines will streamline quilt sewing, with a wider variety of fabrics. We continue to use our sturdy steel machines, but our goal is to encourage new and experienced volunteers to try out our new Bernina machines.

Second, Danner's has offered to train committee members as part of the purchase. We excitedly await machine training at Danner's in Hanover in February and March. Then, Becky Weikert and Liz Fair will offer hands-on machine training at St. James in the quilt space (room 309) in early April. All are welcome to learn to use these new machines before our next quilt session. **Be watching for APRIL's hands-on machine training date!**

SPRING QUILT MISSION DAYS

Mondays & Tuesdays, April 20 & 21 & April 27 & 28, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

Yes, we have added days! We hope to increase participation, as well as to guarantee extra time for the final step of knotting quilts. Whether you are a skilled seamstress or not, come join us for a few hours this spring! We have lots of room and lots of quilts to piece, pin, sew, and knot! And, bring a friend or two!



Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 - Midweek Lenten Opportunities:

Middle & High School youth will eat dinner together at 5:15 pm in the dining room before the Lenten Service at 6:30 pm. Please come join us for soup--even if you can't stay for the service!

Saturday, March 7 - K-5th Church Lock-In:

- Youth will arrive at **6:00 pm** to stay overnight, attending Sunday's 8:15 am worship service. We'll have lots of fun in between, too!
- We will need a few extra hands to make this event the best it can be! Please let Youth Minister Kristin Slaybaugh know if you **are attending, and/or are willing to volunteer!**

Friday-Sunday, March 27-29 – Homeless Retreat in Washington, DC:

Our 8th & 9th grade confirmation students (and some of our adults!) are going on our Confirmation Homeless Retreat this weekend. Mark your calendar and please pray for our participants!

SAVE THE DATES:



This year's VBS theme is *Knights of North Castle!* VBS will take place **Monday-Friday, June 8-12 from 9:00-11:45 am at Christ Lutheran**. Please mark your calendars and let either Kristin Slaybaugh or Julie Keyser know if you would like to volunteer!

Our Nawakwa High School Retreat is **April 24-26!**

All Saints Confirmation Camp is **June 14-19!**


Hoss's night on February 12 raised **\$365.44** to support our youth! Thank you to everyone who participated in this fundraiser and opportunity to fellowship together!

February/March /April 2020

Ruth's Harvest Lenten Calendar

Give something up for Lent & donate something to *Ruth's Harvest!*

(Please add an item to a box each day. This is only a guideline.)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			FEBRUARY 26	27	28	29
			Ash Wednesday Peanut butter to-go Packs 8 - 1.5 oz	Canned Chicken 5 oz.	Tuna & Cracker Packs 3.5 oz.	Fruit Cups 4 - 4 oz.
MARCH 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1st Sunday in Lent	Raisins 6 - 1 oz. Packs	Vegetable Cups 4 - 4 oz.	Pudding Cups 12 - 3.25 oz.	Canned Ham 5 oz.	Instant Oatmeal 10 Packs	Breakfast Bars 24 Packs
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2nd Sunday in Lent	Snack Crackers 12 - 1.5 oz. Packs	100% Juice Boxes 8 - 6.75 oz.	Spaghetti/Ravioli Bowls 8 oz.	Fruit Snacks 22 Packs	Cereal 8 Pack 1.8 oz. per box	Ramen Noodle Soup 12 Packs
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
3rd Sunday in Lent	Baked Beans 8 oz. or less	Instant Rice Cups 2 - 4.4 oz.	Hot Chocolate 6 Packs	Popcorn 8 Bags	Mac & Cheese Cups 6 Packs	Beef Stew 9 oz.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
4th Sunday in Lent	Individual Pretzel Packs	Shelf Stable Liquid Milk 6 - 8 oz. Bottles	Canned Chicken 5 oz.	Tuna & Cracker Packs 3.5 oz.	Fruit Cups 4 - 4 oz.	Raisins 6 - 1 oz. Packs
29	30	31	APRIL 1	2	3	4
5th Sunday in Lent	Vegetable Cups 4 - 4 oz.	Pudding Cups 12 - 3.25 oz.	Peanut Butter to-go Packs 8 - 1.5 oz.	Canned Chicken 5 oz.	Tuna & Cracker Packs 3.5 oz.	Fruit Cups 4 - 4 oz.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Palm Sunday	Monday of Holy Week Raisins 6 - 1 oz. Packs	Tuesday of Holy Week Vegetable Cups 4 - 4 oz.	Wednesday of Holy Week Pudding Cups 12 - 3.25 oz.	Maundy Thursday Canned Ham 5 oz.	Good Friday Instant Oatmeal 10 Packs	Holy Saturday Breakfast Bars 24 Packs
12	<p>Easter Sunday</p>  <p><i>You can deliver filled boxes to our church the week after Easter.</i></p> <p><i>We currently pack 300 backpacks a week.</i></p> <p><i>Each backpack receives app. 21 - 23 items per week at an average cost of \$15 - 20.</i></p> <p><i>Please consider donating to this mission.</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for participating!</i></p> <p><i>After EASTER SUNDAY, we will resume our donations of <u>individual packs of vegetables</u> for Ruth's Harvest.</i></p>					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 LENT 1</p> <p><i>Food Donations Weekend</i></p> <p>8:15 am Communion</p> <p>9:15 am Fellowship</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2:45 pm Middle School Youth Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Property</p> <p>7:30 pm ARD</p> <p>ELC Read Across America & CPR Training</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30 pm Staff Meeting (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>6:30 pm Evangelism</p> <p>7:00 pm Worship & Music</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:45 am Middle & High School Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am Early Learning Center Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm Elementary Youth Groups & Choirs</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 am Creation Care Taskforce</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>ELC CPR Training</p> <p>NO Chris. Ed.</p> <p>Mission Fund Request Deadline</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 LENT 2</p> <p>5:30 pm Communion</p> <p>6:00 pm K-5 grade Lock-In</p> <p></p> <p>Turn clocks ahead one hour before bedtime.</p>
<p>8 LENT 2</p> <p>8:15 am Communion</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School Second Sunday of Service</p> <p>10:45 am Communion</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:45 pm MS Youth Group</p> <p>ELC CPR Training</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30 pm Staff Meeting (OFFICE CLOSED)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:45 am MS/HS Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am ELC Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Executive</p> <p>3:30 pm Elementary Youth Groups & Choirs</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>ELC CPR Training</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 LENT 3</p> <p>5:30 pm Communion & Special Congregation Meeting</p> <p></p> <p>MARCH 14-15 Battery Recycling</p>
<p>15 LENT 3</p> <p>8:15 am Communion & Special Congregation Meeting</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School & DC Retreat Meeting</p> <p>10:45 am Communion Special Congregation Meeting & WATERLIFE</p> <p>7:00 pm Martin Luther Choir</p> <p>The Messenger & Flowers DEADLINE</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am Stephen Ministers</p> <p>2:45 pm MS Youth Group</p> <p>6:30 pm Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. Training</p> <p>7:00 pm Personnel (note change)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30 pm Staff Meeting (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>7:00 pm Library</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:45 am MS/HS Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 am ELC Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>12:00 pm Grief Ministry Lunch (Dunlap's)</p> <p>3:30 pm Elementary Youth Groups & Choirs</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm Lenten Service</p> <p>7:00 pm COUNCIL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm Youth Ministry</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 LENT 4</p> <p>5:30 pm Communion & Prayers for Healing</p>
<p>22 LENT 4</p> <p>8:15 am Communion & Prayers for Healing</p> <p>9:30 am Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 am Communion & Prayers for Healing</p>	<p>23</p> <p>1:30 pm Archives</p> <p>2:45 pm MS Youth Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 am Prayer Shawl</p> <p>1:30 pm Staff Meeting (OFFICE CLOSED)</p> <p>6:00 pm World Outreach</p> <p>7:00 pm Mission Support</p> <p>7:30 pm Art & Design</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:45 am MS/HS Breakfast</p> <p>9:00 am Messenger Volunteers & Messenger mailed</p> <p>9:30 am ELC Chapel</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>3:30 pm Elementary Youth Groups & Choirs</p> <p>5:15 pm Lenten Supper</p> <p>6:30 pm Lenten Service</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30 am Contemplative Prayer Group</p> <p></p> <p>Mar. 27-29 DC Homeless RETREAT</p>	<p>28 LENT 5</p> <p>5th Sunday Servant Event</p> <p>5:30 pm Communion</p>
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The Messenger will next be processed Wednesday, March 25. All articles must be e-mailed to dnimtz@stjamesgettysburg.org **BEFORE Sunday, March 15!**

LABEL

Calling St. James at (717) 334-2012

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

*When calling our church office, you will reach the automated phone system. **Please leave a message** on staff members' voice-mails by immediately pressing their extension number listed below.*

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Save the Date for Lutheran Day at the Capital



Join Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMPa) for their annual Lutheran Day at the Capitol on **MONDAY, MAY 18**. Bring your faith to the table and join Lutherans from around the state for worship, learning, advocacy and action.

The day will include education; worship; keynote address by The Rev. Dr. Roger Willer, ELCA Director for Theological Ethics in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, who is leading the development of the social message in process on government and civic engagement; legislative briefing and visit training, workshops, a continental breakfast and lunch. Come to be inspired, prepared and equipped to act as church together, for the sake of the world. At one of the workshops, Pastor Willer will host an official “hearing” on the social message.



This year’s event will also include an evening Celebration of LAMPa Honorees and Auction featuring Keynote Speaker Krish O'Mara Vignaraja, President and CEO of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS). The evening event will be held at the Hilton, Harrisburg.

Registration and additional information may be found at <https://www.lutheranadvocacy.org/> or by contacting St. James member Lynn Fry at lynn.fry@elca.org. We hope to have a group of St. James folks participate so they can share updated information regarding impending legislation and advocacy upon their return.

MISSION SUPPORT CORNER

Sharing our time, talent, and treasure is how we support the mission of St. James. There has been much focus on the Capital Campaign over the past 6 months, and the funds that were pledged over 1-3 years have been coming in steadily. We are happy to report that regular giving has not declined, enabling us to continue to provide and grow the many ministries made possible through those gifts of treasure. What about the gifts of time and talent? We are thankful that so many of our members support our mission in these ways, such as serving on committees, as worship assistants, or singing in the choirs, but also many “behind the scenes” servants who share so much of themselves day-to-day. “Discipleship is not to exhaust people or fragment families because they spend too much time doing ‘church work’. Discipleship is putting one’s passions to work in ways that promote wellness and wholeness in the whole of life and in all arenas, in the church and the world, for the sake of Jesus”.

(Rick Barger)